

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY **REGION III** 1650 Arch Street

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029

October 7, 2008

Dr. Angie Sowers **Planning Division** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers P.O. Box 1715 Baltimore, MD 21203

Re: Mid-Chesapeake Bay Island Ecosystem Restoration Integrated Feasibility Study, Using Uncontaminated Dredged Material from the Upper Chesapeake Bay Approach Channels to the Port of Baltimore to Restore and Protect Island Habitat in the Middle Portion of Chesapeake Bay, Dorchester County, MD (CEQ #20080378)

Dear Dr. Sowers:

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Mid-Chesapeake Bay Island Ecosystem Restoration Integrated Feasibility Study. EPA has determined that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has adequately addressed its comments within the FEIS and has no further concerns with this project.

Thank you for providing EPA with the opportunity to review this project. Should you have any questions regarding our comments on this project, please contact me at 215-814-3367.

Sincerely,

William Arguto

NEPA Team Leader

Office of Environmental Programs